(b) if so, whether Government have examined the press reports in this regard;

(c) if so, whether Pakistan has improved its Naval and Air force strength; and

(d) if so, the measures Government have taken to match the strength of Navy and Air force of Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) and (b) Government have seen reports of Pakistan's interst in the purchase of SU- 27 aircrafts from Russia.

(c) Pakistan's acquisition of sophisticated weapons and technology is likely to enhance the existing operational capability of its armed forces and will not be conducive to peace and security of the region.

(d) Government keep the security of the country under constant review and take appropriate measures to safeguard it.

Promotion of Hindi language in Indian Embassies and High Commissions

1047. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleasse to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated some schemes to promote Hindi language in the various Indian embassies and High Commissions abroad;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what effective measures Government propose to take to implement the aforesaid schemes in the embassies and High Commissions abroad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details at enclosed statement (*see* below).

(c) Progress is reviewed in the meeting of the Official Language Implementation Committees of Indian Embassies/High Commissions. Ministry of External Affairs also review these progress reports. Efforts are made to remove the deficiencies noticed during the reviews.

Statement

Annual programme is issued by Deptt. of Official Language to promote use of Official Language Hindi in Indian Missions/High Commissions. Following are the targets fixed therein:—

(i) Starting of correspondence by High Commissions/Embassies with foreign Governments in Hindi and in their own language. Minimum 22% communications etc. to the offices located in India should be in Hindi.

(ii) Ensuring compliance of section 3(3) of Official Language Act, 1963.

(iii) Posting of at least one Hindi Typist/Hindi Steno and provision of one Hindi/ bilingual typing machine in each office.

(iv) Preparation of all stationery items, name-plates, seals, procedural literature bilingually.

(v) Invitation letters for functions and celebrations must be got printed in Hindi and use of Hindi in conversation must be encouraged.

(vi) Constitution of Town Official Language Implementation Committees to promote the use of Hindi in the Offices of Central Government functioning abroad.

(vii) Providing administrative and other standard Hindi glossaries to the officers. Provision of Hindi section also in the Journals- Magazines published there from; arrangements for interpretation from local language to Hindi and vice-versa.

Illegal Arms trade in Delhi

1048. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the illegal arms trade in Delhi's eastern border villages;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any investigation into the matter;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof; and